



FIRST THINGS FIRST

ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council was held on April 21, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was held at Two Waters Building, Lightning Room, 10061 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256.

Virginia Loring, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:40 a.m., welcomed everyone to the meeting and took roll call.

Let the record show that Member Jameson entered the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Members Present

Virginia Loring, Chair
Chris McIntier, Vice Chair
Michelle Jameson
Deborah DeVold
Edith Eubank
Deana Washington
Joyce Helmuth

Members Absent

Bella Miller
Toni Harvier

Members of the Public Present:

There were two members of the public in attendance.

Invocation

Member Helmuth led the invocation for the Council.

Conflict of Interest

Chair Loring asked the Council if there were conflicts of interest regarding items on this agenda. Vice Chair McIntier stated that she had a conflict with the Summer Transition to Kindergarten Strategy and Parenting Education Strategy Renewals due to her employment with the Tribal Education Department where she provides oversight of the contract agreements.

Call to the Public

There was no call to the public.

Approval of February 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Member Helmuth moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 17, 2015. Member DeVold seconded the motion and it was approved 7-0.

Government to Government Agreement

The new Agreement for Food Security is a three year contract. Director Vinarskai described the Agreement and discussed the target population. Due to a change in employees, some reports have not been submitted. However the new Food Coordinator is working to complete the reports.

Member Helmuth made a motion that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership

Council approve the Government to Government Food Security Contract Agreement with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community contract number - GRA-RC021-16-0766-01 for State Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$6,000.00. Member Washington seconded the motion and it was approved 7-0.

Contract Renewals

- Parenting Education
Director Vinarskai reviewed the matrix of this contract renewal. She described the three parent funded classes and explained the contracted units are reduced from 90 to 70 adults completing a session.

Member Jameson made a motion that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council approve the Parenting Education contract renewal with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community contract number - GRA-RC021-14-0608-01-Y2 for State Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$104,347.00. Member Helmuth seconded the motion and it was approved 6 to 0.

- Summer Transition to Kindergarten
Director Vinarskai explained that the contract renewal has no modifications. It will include two classrooms each having fifteen four to five year old children, totaling 30 contracted units. The classes are six hour days, four days a week, for four weeks.

Member Devolld made a motion that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council approve the Summer Transition to Kindergarten contract renewal with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community contract number - GRA-RC021-14-0606-01-Y2 for State Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$18,000.00. Member Helmuth seconded the motion and it was approved 6 to 0.

Family Resource Center Strategy

Director Vinarskai recounted the Council's past discussion on this strategy. She recommended the Council to reconsider forming a subcommittee due to issues obtaining quorum. There was a consensus by the Council not to form a subcommittee.

Vice Chair McIntier and Member Helmuth described their visit at the Chandler Resource Center. The center provided various services including medical checkups and counseling.

After discussing the pros and cons of partnering with specific Tribal programs and departments that are in place, the Council agreed to consider three Tribal departments:

- Health and Human Services Central Intake
- LEARN-TANF (Under Social Services)
- Library (Under Education)

Director Vinarskai asked that any member that would like to accompany her to meet with the Tribal Directors should email her.

The Council broke for lunch at 12:20 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Regional Director's Update

- The Needs & Assets report for 2015 will be a condensed version with no updated data. However, the 2017 Needs & Assets report will be the normal version with updated internal data. Tribal Council approval will be obtained in June or July for the same vendor, University of Arizona, to conduct the report.
- The Memorandum of Understanding for the First Things First data agreement was presented to Tribal Council on February 18 by the Senior Tribal Affairs Director, Candida Hunter, and was approved. This allows First Things First to gather tribal data for the Region's School Readiness Indicators and set benchmarks.

- First Things First Chairs and Vice Chairs meeting will take place on Friday April 24th at the Phoenix office at 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Both Chair Loring and Vice Chair McIntier will attend. The purpose is to review and discuss the statewide evaluation plan and regional council engagement with legislators.
- The Regional Council still has to vote on the Reach Out and Read Request for Grant Agreement which is in process. A grantee will be selected the last week of April. Therefore, we will need to hold a meeting on the first week of May to vote on the agreement. If the Regional Council has questions we will have to go into Executive Session for any discussion. The Council agreed to hold a telephonic Council meeting on May 5, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. to vote on this recommendation.
- A brief power point presentation was shown about the upcoming First Things First Summit. There will be four parking lots that accept the First Things First parking voucher. This voucher will be given out during registration. The Council was reminded not to register on the website. Patty will register the Council members wanting to attend the Summit in the near future.

Regional Partnership Council Member Update

Vice Chair McIntier had copies of the annual report for Early Childhood Education Center for anyone that wanted a copy. She thanked everyone that helped with the Parent Conference in March. Interest in the Darkness to Light Training at the Conference was overwhelming. Another session of the training will be held on May 5, 2015.

Member Helmuth had copies of the Arizona Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results for the Council.

Member Eubank shared information about a summer program, the Empowering You Parenting Summer Program. She passed out a flier describing the program and registration information.

Next Meeting – May 5, 2015 Telephonic

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on this 28rd Day of April, 2015.

Virginia Loring, Chair

Patty Morris, Administrative Assistant II